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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

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Hongkong, April 8, 1885. 509

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Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

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Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

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A. MCIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 1, 1885.

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STEAM FOR

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COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,
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6.00 A.M. 7.00 A.M. 6.00 A.M. 7.00 A.M.

6.00 " 8.30 " 7.30 " 8.00 "

8.50 " 9.00 " 9.00 " 10.15 "

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10.45 " 12.30 P.M. 12.30 P.M. 1.00 P.M.

12.45 P.M. 1.00 " 1.30 " 2.15 "

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7.05 "

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NOTICE.

THE WINTER TIME TABLE.

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM LAUNCH

MORNING STAR

Run DAILY AS A FERRY BOAT between
Pudding's Wharf and Tsim-Tsui-Tsui at the
following hours:—This Time Table will take
effect from the 1st November, 1884.

WEEK DAYS.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

THE CHINA MAIL

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA AND AFGHANISTAN.
London, 9th April, 1885.
The Afghan troops have been attacked and completely defeated by the Russians at Panj-Doh.

War Imminent between Russia and England.

Private telegrams received to-day are to the effect that war is imminent between Russia and England. This situation is explained by the fact, contained in another telegram, that the Russians had attacked and defeated the Afghans near Panj-doh. Panj-doh is on the frontier claimed by Russia, and is less than a hundred miles from Herat. As the Afghans hold, or held, Ak Tagh and Saray-yaz, two places to the North of Panj-doh, the hostile movement of the Russians and Afghans is the more easily understood.

The Evacuation of Tongquin, Formosa and the Pescadores.

A private telegram has, we believe, been received here stating that Formosa and the Pescadores will be formally evacuated by the French, and handed over to the Chinese, on the 15th inst.; and that Tongquin will be evacuated by the Chinese troops, on the same date.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Passes SUZ CANAL.—King's Cross, Feb. 23.

The S. S. Anchises left Singapore for this port on the 4th inst. The S. S. Energia left Singapore for this port on the 6th inst. The S. S. Polyphemus left Singapore for this port on the 6th inst.

The S. S. Strathmore, from New York, left Singapore on the 7th inst. or this port.

The S. S. Glenogle left Singapore for this port on the 7th inst.

Dock Movements.—

The Anton will go to Aberdeen Dk. The Tuanhoe will go to Cincinian Dk.

The Wathidoo will go to Kowloon Dk.

The manufactory of the Peking Bridge Drilled Force is very busy making machine guns and torpedoes, cartridge, &c., &c. The Viceroi Li is buying the materials needed at Tientsin.

CERTAIN Mongol nobles have sent a Peking, as a humble offering, 200 horses of tractable disposition, 200 moushs, and great speed. They are to be given to the Peking Field Force. In spite of the donor's disclaiming anyials to recompence, they are to be suitably rewarded.

A FRIEND in Peking writes that he hears that on 20th February the Court sent orders to the Marquis Liang, Ambassador to England and Russ, Vice-President of the Board of War, to speedily proceed to Fukien to act as Joint Commissioner with Mu-tu-shan.—*Shen* of 19th March.

Tsao Tsung T'ang is reported to have borrowed from the Boa of Revenue Tsu, 800,000 for military purposes. The officer sent by him to Peking with his memorial to His Majesty, applying for the loan, started with the money in 40 carts on the afternoon of 10th February.

THE Excellencies Gérard, Bowen and General Cameron, with Commodore Morant, paid a visit to Victoria-Island to-day, and made a careful inspection of the building and its arrangements. They expressed themselves highly gratified with the state of the prison and its accomplishment by the Acting Superintendent (Falconer) upon the state of efficiency of the department.

WONG ATAI, Wong Atzeoing Ping, and Tsu Lo, four of the men charged with causing the death of a condemned Sin Shing, in Quarry Bay, on the 1st ultimo, were to-day committed for trial the Supreme Court by Mr. Maclean, the other seven men arrested on the charge have been discharged. No fresh evidence the case was produced to-day.

The Shen Pao of the 18th March reports that the Chinese Government, on receiving the news of Gordon's death, telegraphed to the Marquis Liang to wire dispatch to the English Government, pressing His Majesty's sorrow, and that a high posthumous rank will be bestowed on him and a liberal compassionate grant made, and desiring that Gordon's family may be informed of His Majesty's intentions.

THE case against Cheung Aky, who was charged on the 7th instant, the Police Court, with feloniously setting on the premises No. 11, Bonham Std., on the 18th Oct. last, with intent to rob the Hamburg Insurance Company, tried Mr. Wodehouse's attention during greater part of to-day. Mr. Wodehouse waited for the prosecution and Mr. C. Ewer for the defense. Loong Kwing, a shop formerly employed in defendant's p., was examined at great length and Mr. Denkau, of Messrs. Pausau & Co., local agents of the Hamburg Fire Insur. Co., gave evidence as to insurance sold in this office by defendant's firm. The case was further remanded till Thursday.

THE Belgian Foreign Mission, which is under the patronage of the Queen of Belgians, has now three bishops and four missionaries in Mongolia, and are being reinforced by another Ep., and priest, and a layman, who arrive Shanghai, and the Ningpo on the 1st ultimo. They are proceeding to Moi-kuang. All of them are members of good families and were rich men, but have given all their possessions to the Mon.—N. C. D. News.

We hear that Dr. Wenyen, who has done good service for years among the Chinese as superintendent of the Wesleyan Mission Hospital at Fatsahan, will start in a few days for the frontier of Kwangsi, there to attend to the Chinese soldiers who have been wounded in the recent engagements in Tongquin. The Chinese have no surgeons or doctors who are skilled enough to treat men wounded in battle, and as there must be an immense number of men suffering from wounds sustained in the fight, there can be little doubt that Dr. Wenyen's services will be looked upon by those afflicted as a boon from heaven. Of course, Dr. Wenyen's services will be given gratuitously.

H. M. S. Merlin arrived at Chefoo on the 27th March and left the same day for Taku.

Turk. N. C. D. News notices that many of the steamer are on their way out to China again.

M. C. Janzen, of the firm of Melchers & Co., who was formerly Belgian Consul at Shanghai, was recently decorated Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold, in acknowledgment of his services.

Turk. P. & O. Co.'s steamer Malwa on her last trip to Shanghai had a large quantity of lead on board, which has, however, says the N. C. D. News, to be sent back to Hongkong.

We (N. C. D. News) believe the Consuls at Ningpo protested against the publication of the Tao-tai's proclamation offering rewards for Frenchmen's heads. The Tao-tai was obdurate, and replied that the issue of proclamations offering rewards for the heads of their enemies was a custom that had prevailed in China for thousands of years.

Turk. foreign ratemasters of Shanghai, by 151 to 145, have resolved that the Municipal Council be and is hereby instructed to continue for one year from and after the 30th of June next the contract at present existing with the Shanghai Electric Company; and for that purpose to expand such a sum as may be necessary in excess of the amount set apart for lighting in the Budget as passed at the last Annual Meeting of Ratepayers; and be further authorized, if necessary, which the Municipal Council was authorized at the said Annual Meeting to raise by debentures.

The N. C. D. News of the 4th instant says:—Seeing that the various steamers from Tientsin have brought to this port Ts. 1,300,000 since the commencement of the season, and have not been interfered with, it seems strange that the French should have stopped the Kowshing on Wednesday, taken her to Gutzlaff, and detained her there for instructions from the Admiral in what was to be done with the Ts. 100,000 who had on board. Other steamers have since arrived from the North with treasure, but they were not detained, although the Frenchmen boarded them as usual.

The Katsuragi-kan, which has just been launched in Japan, is the first vessel of the kind built at Yokosuka. She is a composite corvette, bark rigged, length 200 feet, breadth moulded 35 feet, depth 13 feet, draught forward 14 feet, aft, 15 feet. Her tonnage is 1,172² B.O.M., and her displacement 1,490 tons. The engines are of the compound surface-condensing type and are 1,400 horse-power indicated, giving revolutions 100 maximum and an estimated speed of 13 knots. Her lower masts will be of iron. For armament she carries two 17 and five 12-centimetre Krupp guns, and two Nordenfelt machine guns. Her torpedo armament consists of two broadside tubes and six torpedoes, besides one steam cutter fitted with outrigger torpedoes. It is intended to fit this class of ships with the electric light.

THE Government of New South Wales has approved of the following rates of pay to the force which has proceeded to Egypt:—

Artillery and infantry officers—Lieutenant-colonels (in command), £650; majors, £500; captains, £400; lieutenants over three years' service, £355; lieutenants under three years' service, £325; surgeons attached to artillery and infantry, £400; veterinary surgeons, £400; non-commissioned officers, gunners, privates, and sergeants-major, daily pay, £6; deferred pay, 4s. per diem; total, 2s. per diem; per diem; quartermaster-sergents, £s. daily, 3s. 0d. deferred, 8s. 9d. per diem; sergeants 4s., 3s. 6d.; corporals, 3s. 2d., 2s. 10d., 6s.; trumpeters, buglers, gunners, and privates, 2s. 3d., 2s. 9d.; privates, 2s. per diem to wife, and each boy under 14 years of age.

Turk. The Shen Pao of the 18th March contains the following amusing story from its correspondent in Peking:—

When the Chinese Government heard that England had protested against the French proposal to consider rice contracts and justice of the English Government.

Mr. Ferry remained firm in his own concord, and, disregarding the interests of trade, persisted in his determination and utterly refused to modify it. He was quite aware of the prohibition of rice being contrary to international law, so, when the English Ambassador came to remonstrate, he declared that there had been no absolute prohibition, but that only north of Canton rice cargoes were not allowed.

The English Ambassador, who was not well acquainted with the geography of China, relied delighted and telegraphed the news to the Foreign Secretary. He stamped and signed in his vexation at M. Ferry's audacity in thus making a fool of the English Ambassador, since "north of Canton" included Tientsin, Shanghai, and the other ports. The other English colleague's ignorance of geography had, however, been fully exposed.

On 14th March, a French ship, after firing a dozen shots at the Chin-ki-ku fort at Chink-ki-ku, hoisted the French flag, and, a man high up the mast so as to get better range. But the cannon proved too heavy, the trucking snapped, and over 30 men were killed or wounded by its fall.—*Shen Pao* of 23rd March.

THE S. S. 'ZAFIRO' ASHORE.

Considerable anxiety was felt in the Colony yesterday concerning the China and Manila S. S. Company's steamer Zafiro, Captain R. M. Talbot, which left Hongkong for Amoy and Manila on Saturday last, the 4th inst., no information having been received of the vessel's arrival at

Amoy. The fears entertained of the vessel

having met with some accident were confirmed by a telegram received by the agents of the company, Messrs. Russell & Co., from Amoy, to the effect that the Zafiro had gone ashore at Tong Sang. Her bows were under water and it was feared she would become a total wreck.

The date of the vessel's stranding was not given, nor any particulars. The place where she went ashore is believed to be

Rees Islands, about 50 or 60 miles south of Amoy, and it is supposed that the accident was caused by foggy weather. We hear that the Zafiro was principally insured in home offices.

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The British, French and Russian Squadrons in the China Seas.

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